



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 6706**

January Session, 2015



**AN ACT CONCERNING THE FILING FEE FOR GRIEVANCES OR  
DISPUTES SUBMITTED TO THE STATE BOARD OF MEDIATION AND  
ARBITRATION.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 31-97 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2015*):

3 (a) Whenever a grievance or dispute arises between an employer  
4 and his employees, the parties may submit the same directly to said  
5 board and notify said board or its clerk in writing and upon payment  
6 by each party of a filing fee of [twenty-five] fifty dollars. Whenever a  
7 single public member of the board is chosen to arbitrate a grievance or  
8 dispute, as provided in section 31-93, the parties shall each be  
9 refunded the filing fee. Whenever such notification is given, a panel of  
10 said board, as directed by its chairman, shall proceed with as little  
11 delay as possible to the locality of such grievance or dispute and  
12 inquire into the causes thereof. The parties shall thereupon submit to  
13 said panel in writing, succinctly, clearly and in detail, their grievances  
14 and complaints and the causes thereof, and severally promise and  
15 agree to continue in business or at work without a strike or lockout  
16 until the decision of the panel is rendered; but such agreement shall  
17 not be binding unless such decision is rendered within ten days after  
18 the completion of the investigation. The panel shall fully investigate

19 and inquire into the matters in controversy, take testimony under oath  
20 in relation thereto and may administer oaths and issue subpoenas for  
21 the attendance of witnesses and for the production of books and  
22 papers.

23 (b) No panel of said board may consider any claim that one or more  
24 of the issues before the panel are improper subjects for arbitration  
25 unless the party making such claim has notified the opposing party  
26 and the chairman of the panel of such claim, in writing, at least ten  
27 days prior to the date of hearing, except that the panel may consider  
28 such claim if it determines there was reasonable cause for the failure of  
29 such party to comply with said notice requirement.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2015	31-97

**APP**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*